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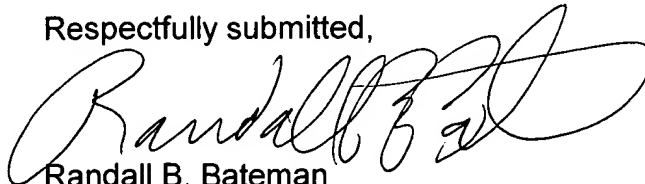
Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or Patent Office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the references listed, together with any other references which may have been previously submitted or listed, are those references most related to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no reference which is more relevant to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each listed reference or relevant portion thereof is also enclosed. Any listed reference that is not in the English language is accompanied by a concise explanation in English of its relevance as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i).

The Applicant believes that no fee is required in the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 502720.

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